Infrastructural development at Chennai airport

1474. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chennai has recorded a higher growth rate in passenger traffic and aircraft movement according to the report of the Airports Authority of India (AAI);

(b) whether the AAI has demanded for the infrastructural development in the Chennai airport terminals; and

(c) what development projects are proposed for other airports in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Chennai Airport recorded growth rate of 19.5% in aircraft movement and 23.7% in passenger traffic during 2004-05 over 2003-04, against the all India growth rate of 11.9% and 21.5% for aircraft movement and passenger traffic respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The development proposals are as follows:

Trichy airport:- strengthening and extension of runway to 7500 feet and associated works at a cost of Rs. 25.93 crores; construction of new integrated terminal complex at a cost of Rs. 74.7 crores; strengthening and expansion of apron with new link taxiways at an estimated cost of Rs. 10.00 crores. Madurai airport:- strengthening and extension of runway to 7500 feet and associated works at a cost of Rs. 35.25 crores; construction of new integrated terminal complex at a cost of Rs. 70 crores.

Coimbatore airport:- strengthening and extension of runway from 8500 feet to 9000 feet along with allied works Phase-II including expansion of apron and link taxiway at a cost of Rs. 35.25 crores and expansion and modification of terminal building complex for accommodating limited international operations at a cost of Rs. 45.00 crores.

Training of CAT-III Operation

†1475. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of domestic airlines whose pilots have been imparted

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training to operate the flights by using CAT-III B landing support system in thick fog;

(b) the airports where CAT-III B system has been installed/propose to be installed; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Indian Airlines and Air India have trained their pilots for ILS CAT-III operations.

(b) CAT-III B system has been installed at Delhi Airport only. At present Airports Authority of India (AAI) do not have any proposal to install CAT-III B Instrument Landing System at any other airport in the country.

(c) An amount of Rs. 56.13 crores has been spent by AAI on provision of CAT-III B ILS system, lighting and associated facilities at Delhi.

Committee on infrastructure for airports

†1476. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a scheme of opening new airports and extension of some airports in the country by Government;

(b) if so, the details regarding opening of new airports, State-wise;

(c) the details of the airports which are going to be extended;

(d) by when the said scheme is likely to be implemented; and

(e) the points identified for consideration by 'Committee on Infrastructure' constituted under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has already approved setting up of greenfield airports at Devanahalli near Bangalore, Shamshabad near Hyderabad and Mopa in Goa. there are also proposals from concerned State Governments for construction of greenfield airports at Kunnur in Kerala, Navi Mumbai in Maharashtra, Ladowal in Punjab, Pakyong in Sikkim, Kohima in Nagaland, Bharuch in Gujarat and Raiganj in West Bengal which are at preliminary stages of consideration.

(c) and (d) Government has approved restructuring and modernisation

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